

## Clark, Jacqueline

---

**From:** Exemptions 6 & 7C - privacy information  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 08, 2013 10:46 AM  
**To:** Clark, Jacqueline  
**Subject:** Re: Wedron Disaster

Thank you Jacquie.  
Looks like progress.

---

**From:** "Clark, Jacqueline" <[clark.jacqueline@epa.gov](mailto:clark.jacqueline@epa.gov)>  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 8, 2013 9:24 AM  
**To:** Exemptions 6 & 7C - privacy information  
**Cc:** "Leon, Heriberto" <[leon.heriberto@epa.gov](mailto:leon.heriberto@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Wedron Disaster

Hi Exemptions 6 & 7C - pri...

This week we received consent from Wedron Silica Co. to access the Wilbur Thompson Park and begin engineering work to evaluate installing two semi-private deep wells in the Park for the residents who have contaminated wells to use. Wedron Silica Co. also began work on a ground water study this week, and EPA staff are in Wedron this week overseeing that work.

Our underground storage tank inspectors visited Wedron Silica Co. last year to inspect the active tanks on Wedron Silica Co. property, and our inspectors found no violations. We are working to have the responsible parties conduct additional investigation on their properties to make sure we find all possible sources of the contamination.

You can find more information on EPA's website: <http://www.epa.gov/region05/cleanup/wedron/>.

Thank you,  
Jacquie

Jacquie Clark  
Associate Regional Counsel  
U.S. EPA, Region 5 (C-14J)  
77 W. Jackson Blvd.  
Chicago, IL 60604  
Direct: (312) 353-4191  
Fax: (312) 385-5474  
email: [clark.jacqueline@epa.gov](mailto:clark.jacqueline@epa.gov)

This e-mail, including attachments, contains information that may be confidential, protected by the attorney/client or other privileges, or otherwise exempt from disclosure under applicable law. If you are not the intended recipient, please do not read this email, delete it, including attachments, and notify the sender that you have received this email in error. The unauthorized use, dissemination, distribution or reproduction of this e-mail, including attachments, is prohibited and may be unlawful.

---

**From:** Exemptions 6 & 7C - privacy information  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 07, 2013 10:58 AM  
**To:** Clark, Jacqueline  
**Subject:** Re: Wedron Disaster

Hi Jacquie,  
Any thing new happening?  
Have you tested the tanks at the mine?  
Thanks,

Exemptions 6 & 7C - privacy i...

---

**From:** "Clark, Jacqueline" <[clark.jacqueline@epa.gov](mailto:clark.jacqueline@epa.gov)>  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2013 1:41 PM  
**To:** Exemptions 6 & 7C - privacy information

**Cc:** "Leon, Heriberto" <[leon.heriberto@epa.gov](mailto:leon.heriberto@epa.gov)>, "Faryan, Steve" <[faryan.steven@epa.gov](mailto:faryan.steven@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** RE: Wedron Disaster

Hi [Exemptions 6 & 7C - pr...] Thanks for your reply. EPA is working with Illinois EPA and some of the responsible parties to do more investigation so we are sure to identify all the potential sources of the contamination. Right now, we have identified several sources of the contamination, but we believe there may be more sources. Part of a long-term clean up solution will include cleaning up sources of the pollution.

I also received your voicemail. I have meetings all afternoon. Can I call you tomorrow to discuss the other issue you want to talk with me about?

Thank you,

Jacque

Jacquie Clark

Associate Regional Counsel

U.S. EPA, Region 5 (C-14J)

77 W. Jackson Blvd.

Chicago, IL 60604

Direct: (312) 353-4191

Fax: (312) 385-5474

email: [clark.jacqueline@epa.gov](mailto:clark.jacqueline@epa.gov)

This e-mail, including attachments, contains information that may be confidential, protected by the attorney/client or other privileges, or otherwise exempt from disclosure under applicable law. If you are not the intended recipient, please do not read this email, delete it, including attachments, and notify the sender that you have received this email in error. The unauthorized use, dissemination, distribution or reproduction of this e-mail, including attachments, is prohibited and may be unlawful.

---

**From:** [Exemptions 6 & 7C - privacy information]

**Sent:** Thursday, April 11, 2013 10:31 AM

**To:** Clark, Jacqueline

**Subject:** Re: Wedron Disaster

Jacquie,

I didn't quite get that in your other email. It is confusing to distinguish between the clean up solutions and actually stopping the pollution as I don't imagine you can clean it up without stopping it.

Thanks.

[Exemptions 6 & 7C - privacy i...]

---

**From:** "Clark, Jacqueline" <[clark.jacqueline@epa.gov](mailto:clark.jacqueline@epa.gov)>

**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2013 10:19 AM

**To:** [Exemptions 6 & 7C - privacy information]

**Cc:** "Leon, Heriberto" <[leon.heriberto@epa.gov](mailto:leon.heriberto@epa.gov)>, "Faryan, Steve" <[faryan.steven@epa.gov](mailto:faryan.steven@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** FW: Wedron Disaster

Hi [Exemptions 6 & 7C - privacy infor...]

Mr. Cha forwarded your message to me for response, as I am the attorney assigned to the Wedron Ground Water site. As you and I have discussed during previous phone conversations, EPA is using our legal authorities to provide alternate water to residents with contamination and to investigate and develop a long-term solution for the residents in Wedron within the plume of contamination. EPA is not powerless to stop polluters. EPA's CERCLA authorities are only one of many legal authorities EPA can use to investigate and clean up pollution. As I wrote in my email to you yesterday, EPA is working under several legal authorities, including the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act and the Safe Drinking Water Act, to identify a long-term clean up solution for the homes within the plume of contamination in Wedron. If you have additional questions or would like to talk about this further, please feel free to call me at: 312.353.4191.

Thank you,

Jacque

Jacquie Clark

Associate Regional Counsel

U.S. EPA, Region 5 (C-14J)

77 W. Jackson Blvd.

Chicago, IL 60604

Direct: (312) 353-4191  
Fax: (312) 385-5474  
email: [clark.jacqueline@epa.gov](mailto:clark.jacqueline@epa.gov)

This e-mail, including attachments, contains information that may be confidential, protected by the attorney/client or other privileges, or otherwise exempt from disclosure under applicable law. If you are not the intended recipient, please do not read this email, delete it, including attachments, and notify the sender that you have received this email in error. The unauthorized use, dissemination, distribution or reproduction of this e-mail, including attachments, is prohibited and may be unlawful.

---

**From:** Cha, James  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 11, 2013 10:09 AM  
**To:** Clark, Jacqueline  
**Subject:** FW: Wedron Disaster

---

**From:** [REDACTED] *Exemptions 6 & 7C - privacy information*  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 11, 2013 10:06 AM  
**To:** Cha, James  
**Subject:** Wedron Disaster

Dear Mr. Cha,

After getting clarification from Steve Faryan's team on the Wedron disaster we in our small town have fallen into despair. The fact that the EPA has no legal authority to stop the polluters is beyond comprehension. You might be able to finally identify them but are powerless to stop them due to CERCLA.

Is it true that we have no recourse as we watch the problem worsen?

My 23 acre farm is now worth \$1.00.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED] *Exemptions 6 & 7C - privacy informa...*